

REMARKS

The present Amendment responds to the Office Action dated July 23, 2004. The Office Action set a shortened two-month period for response.

Claims 1 - 14 are withdrawn; claims 15 - 20 are allowed. The Examiner however required amending claims 15 and 16 as amended above.

Upon entry of the amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the application will be ready for allowance.

Response To Objection To Information Disclosure Statement

The Information Disclosure Statement filed July 30, 2003, was not considered in part, as not including a concise explanation of the relevance of the DE 3201263 reference.

Attached is an English translation of the Abstract for DE3201263. This reference describes a seal ring unit with a spiral-wound sealing ring having a circumferential compound profile projecting outwards, which fits into a matched receiving groove on the inner edge of the outer annular disc and a method for assembly of the spiral wound insert into an outer ring or blank. The outer annular blank is temporarily deformed into a dish-shape to make an inside diameter larger so that the spiral wound insert can be set into place at the receiving groove on the inside of the annular blank and then the

annular blank is brought back to its original flat shape to reduce the inside diameter back to its original size and trapping the spiral wound insert in its receiving groove.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl M. Davis II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Davis" being particularly prominent.

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